

SARAWAK FORESTRY TEACHES STUDENTS TO LOVE NATURE NATURE 'n U - a unique environmental education program

Miri, Thursday, August 24, 2005 – SARAWAK FORESTRY brought students close to nature in a 3-day environmental education camp held in Lambir Hills National Park. Some very fortunate lower secondary students from various schools in Miri, namely SMK Lutong, SMK St. Columba, SMK Chung Hua, SMK Dato Permaisuri, Kolej Tun Datu Tuanku Haji Bujang, SMK St. Joseph Miri, SMK Baru, SMK Lopeng Tengah, SMK Subis, SMK Taman Tunku, SMK Riam, SMK Bakong and SMK Sains Miri joined in the second NATURE 'n U program for a 3 fun-filled days of environmental education which includes amongst other, jungle trekking, camping, plants identification, outdoor games, nature study and so much more.

The programme which is a yearly program kicked off on Tuesday, August 22, 2005 at Lambir Hills National Park comes to end today in a memorable closing ceremony. The first program was held at Matang Wildlife Centre, Kuching, last year, the first of such program and in the future will cover other regions, including Sibu and Bintulu. The students were also brought to Niah National Park, where they went trekking along the trail leading to the Great Cave, learnt about swiflets' birds nest, the various species of plants and other environment related activities.

SARAWAK FORESTRY's NATURE 'n U, was officially concluded today by YB Aidan Wing, ADUN Lambir. Delivering his closing speech, Aidan commended the collaborative effort led by SARAWAK FORESTRY and supported by the Wildlife Conservation Society, Malaysian Nature Society, Education Department, and various schools. He added that "participating in camping activities, such as Camp NATURE 'n U is tantamount to acquiring the basic environmental ethics".

During the closing ceremony today, Wilfred Landong, General Manager for Protected Areas and Biodiversity Conservation, SARAWAK FORESTRY in his opening address highlighted that "SARAWAK FORESTRY is proud to share the NATURE 'n U experience this time around with students from Miri". Wilfred added that NATURE 'n U is the SARAWAK FORESTRY's signature environmental education module that combines environmental education using both natural setting and classroom lesson in an interesting way.

SARAWAK FORESTRY thank the participating organisations, schools and the tireless volunteers of SARAWAK FORESTRY that make the second NATURE 'n U a reality. Their generosity and relentless efforts shows in the details preparations at Lambir Hills National Park, in the camp site setup, mini concert area, video shows, programs and activities are very much appreciated. Kudos to the NATURE 'n U Team!

Students involved in the program were delighted to have been chosen to participate. Among the comments during an interview were:

"Saya rasa sangat bertuah kerana dapat menyertai kem 'NATURE N' U', aktivitinya sangat mencabar."

"I feel fortunate to be involved in this NATURE 'n U Camp - the activities were very challenging."

**- Caren Kinta (13 Years) -
SMK Subis**

"This camp has really awakened us towards the importance of nature. Never did anyone really talked to us heart-to-heart about the eco-system. The jungle trekking, camp building, everything done in this camp bonded us closer to nature. I thank SARAWAK FORESTRY for this experience."

**- Sebastian Lim (14 Years) -
SMK St. Joseph, Miri**

"Kem ini telah membawa saya secara dekat lagi dengan flora dan fauna. Sekarang baru saya ketahui betapa pentingnya haiwan dan tumbuh-tumbuhan kepada kita".

"The Camp had brought me closer to the flora and fauna. Now, I realise how important the animals and plants to us."

**- Siti Nor Khuzaimah (15 Years) -
SMK Chung Hua Miri**

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